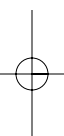
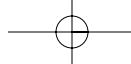


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# New Jersey State Fire Marshal

New Jersey Division of Fire Safety

Dear Firefighter Recruit:

Welcome and congratulations on taking the first step in your training to become a firefighter. I commend you for your desire, your commitment of time and effort, and lastly, your enthusiasm to join the brother/sisterhood of the fire service.

As you advance through your Firefighter I training, please embrace the subjects that are contained in this basic recruit curriculum. Keep in mind that your future success and safety will be forged by the course's 135 hours.

The New Jersey Division of Fire Safety has partnered with county and municipal fire training academies to ensure that training is standardized and that your textbook, New Jersey addendum materials, study guide, and instructional materials are identical. We believe this training curriculum provides the best instructional and student learning resources ever and will be instrumental in honing your firefighting knowledge and practical skills.

The fire service instructors who work to develop your knowledge and performance capabilities are dedicated, skilled professionals. They bring extensive know-how and many years of experience into the classroom to guide you through this nationally accredited Firefighter I training program. You may have heard that "no two fires are the same." I believe this is true, but there are common elements and lessons to be learned from each fire incident. Your instructors will bring these common threads together to provide you with fire ground survival information.

Firefighter I is just the beginning of your professional development, and I urge you to attend additional training programs and be recognized as a true fire service professional. Therefore, your fire department, county/municipal training academy, community college, national fire service training institutions, and the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety are committed to serve your continuing educational needs.

Again, let me commend you on your decision to become a firefighter. I trust that the people you meet and the challenges you overcome in your fire service career will be both rewarding and cherished by you. You have my respect and admiration for your dedication and commitment to the community.

Good luck and be safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lawrence Petrillo". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "L" and "P".

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## DEDICATION

This manual is dedicated to those brave men and women in the New Jersey Fire Service who have lost their lives in the battle to fight fire and save the lives of their fellow community members.

This manual is also dedicated to the very special group within the fire service that helps every fire-fighter perform to his or her best ability, the fire service instructors.



